



The Utah Department of Transportation Kicked Off Construction Season With The Top 25 Projects

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The Utah Department of Transportation officially kicked off the construction season by announcing the top 25 projects, representing hundreds of millions of dollars.

Drivers on Interstate 15 are used to construction delays.

"I'm ready for it to be it done," said Stephanie as she sat in traffic near 114th South. "It's been a long time."

The orange barrels seem to shift locations every season as workers replace a bridge or population growth calls for more lanes.

"Most of the projects we are doing that really addressing the growth our state sees," said Nile Easton of UDOT.

UDOT announced its top 25 project list Monday hoping to remind people it's that time of year again. There are dozens of projects across the state from Washington County to Ogden. But it is Utah County that will see the largest impact along I-15.

"The I15 CORE project in Utah County, that will be 24 miles from Lehi to Spanish Fork and will be under construction for almost 3 years," said Easton. "If you haven't experienced it yet and you're going down south, you will, coming this summer."

Salt Lake County will also see six major projects, but most of them will be on east-west roads to try and handle commuter traffic that continues to swell as suburbs grow.

It may seem strange to see so much work during a recession, but UDOT says some projects can't be delayed... The list of projects grows by miles if they are put off too long.

"A lot of these projects are almost overdue, so they are addressing needs from three or four years ago," said Easton.

UDOT created an interactive map online so travelers can plan for delays or find ways around all the construction. Go to www.udot.utah.gov and click on the "Know Where Know Why link.